WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 2280

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 20, 1981

Application of VIENNA CHECKER CAB,)
INC., for Special Authorization to)
Perform Charter Operations Pursuant)
to Contract -- Internal Revenue)
Service)

Case No. CP-81-15

By application filed November 19, 1981, Vienna Checker Cab, Inc., seeks authorization to conduct charter operations pursuant to WMATC Special Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 1 under a contract with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service (IRS), transporting IRS employees, together with mail, express and baggage, in the same vehicle with passengers, over irregular routes between IRS facilities at 1111 Constitution Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., and 3 Skyline Square, Route 7, Falls Church, Va.

The contract, at a price of \$12 per hour, runs through September 30, 1982, requires utilization of one vehicle capable of accommodating 15 passengers, and contemplates six round trips between 8:25 a.m. and 3:25 p.m. on each government work day. Applicant operates a 17-passenger Mercedes-Benz vehicle that would be used for proposed service.

Applicant's president is experienced in providing employee shuttle transportation, certifies that he is familiar with the Commission's rules and regulations and will comply therewith, and states that Vienna Checker has not been found unfit by any regulatory agency and is not under any fitness investigation.

Vienna Checker's balance sheet dated November 1, 1981, shows current assets of \$8,950, long-term assets of \$58,254, liabilities of \$16,844 and equity of \$50,360. The carrier projects operating revenue from this contract of \$19,170 and total expenses to be \$15,885, for a projected operating ratio of 82.86 percent before income taxes.

The IRS contracting officer submitted an affidavit in support of the application, stating that the agency requires a shuttle operation transporting IRS employees on a continuing basis, and that the IRS is satisfied with the carrier's ability properly to perform the service. A certificate of insurance consistent with Commission Regulation No. 62 is on file.

Inasmuch as there is a definite intent to execute a contract for the transportation of government employees by their employer for a period in excess of 181 days, this application appears generally to be amenable to processing under Commission Regulation No. 70. */ Pursuant to Commission Regulation No. 70-06, notice of this application must be published and opportunity given for the filing of protests. Protests, if any, must be written, sworn and notarized, and must contain all evidence and argument upon which the protestant would rely.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- 1. That Vienna Checker Cab, Inc., publish once, in a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District, notice of this application in the form prescribed by the staff of the Commission no later than Sunday, November 22, 1981.
- 2. That applicant shall file an affidavit of such publication with the Commission no later than Monday, November 30, 1981.
- 3. That any person desiring to protest this application shall file a notarized protest in conformance with Commission Regulation No. 70-06 at the office of the Commission, Suite 316, 1625 I Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20006, no later than Wednesday, December 2, 1981, and shall simultaneously serve a copy of such protest on Albert Wiesenauer, 905 Symphony Circle, S. W., Vienna, Va. 22180.

FOR THE COMMISSION:

WILLIAM H. McGILVERY

Executive Director

^{*/} See Order No. 2004, served June 20, 1979, and effective July 21, 1979.